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1st June, 1972

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1971.

The statistics vary little from previous years, showing a fairly stable population with health indices near the national norm. This is probably the last year with such stability (in numbers) and the next report will show something of the impact of the early changes about to take place. Detailed planning of the expanded health services necessary was commenced during the year which resulted in the decision to have two centres for these services, one based at Stony Stratford, the other at Wolverton. One anticipates that the existing population will reap benefits hitherto impractical.

In the communicable diseases sphere, I am happy to report that the year has been quiet with no serious or significant outbreak, though the occasional appearance of gastro-enteritis in some areas is disturbing and warrants investigation. Lack of basic information hampers this.

By the time this report appears, the Government will have made known its intentions on the reorganisation of health services. The Council is already involved in ensuring adequate public representations in the forthcoming new large district councils, and I would like it to consider this aspect on the new Area Health Boards. This has not been a feature of the present health organisation, but there is an opportunity for more adequate community representation in 1974 provided the case for this is properly put forward.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

P. LAVIS

Medical Officer of Health.

S E C T I O N A

VITAL STATISTICS for the year	1971	1970
Area (in acres)	4,699	4,699
Population	13,800	13,520
Number of Inhabited Houses	5,195	5,144
Rateable Value (1st April, 1971)	£545,701	£524,918
Sum represented by 1p Rate (Est. 1971/72)	5486	2,155
Rate per £1.	79½p.	69p.

BIRTH

Legitimate (Live):	Males	104	110
	Females	100	94
Illegitimate (Live):	Males	8	5
	Females	4	7
Birth rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)		18.7	19.0
Birth rate per 1,000 population, England and Wales		16.0	16.0
Still Births		2	2

DEATH

Males	80	107
Females	84	74
Death rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	10.1	11.4
Death rate per 1,000 population, England and Wales	11.6	11.7

INFANT MORTALITY RATE

(Death of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births)		
Wolverton	28 (5 deaths)	5
England and Wales	18.0	18.0

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

Causes of Death:

	M	F	T
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	1	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	3	2	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	2	6	8
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	4	4	8
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	6	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	2	-	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	6	5	11
Diabetes Mellitus	1	2	3
Anaemias	-	1	1
Mental Disorders	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	-	2	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	2	3
Hypertensive Disease	1	2	3
Ischaemic Heart Disease	21	11	33
Other forms of Heart Disease	5	7	12
Cerebrovascular Disease	4	12	16
Other diseases of circulatory system	7	6	13
Pneumonia	6	6	12
Bronchitis and Emphysema	8	1	9
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	2	2
Peptic Ulcer	2	1	3
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	-	1	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	1	-	1
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	3	-	3
Symptoms and Ill defined conditions	1	1	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	1	1
All Other Accidents	-	1	1
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	-	1	1
TOTAL ALL CASES	80	84	164

S E C T I O N B

PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

1. Ambulance Service

(Tel. Bletchley 2565) Administered by Bucks. County Council. Main station at Bletchley with sub-stations at Newport Pagnell and Buckingham.

2. Hospitals

Under the Oxford Regional Hospital Board. Patients are generally treated at Northampton. Out patients facilities available at the Meacham Diagnostic Clinic at Wolverton and the Physiotherapy clinic at Stony Stratford.

3. Laboratory

General Hospital, Northampton (Tel. 34347).

4. Health Visitors, District Nurses, Midwives etc.

Now attached to General Practice. Area Nursing Officer: Area Health Office (Tel. Bletchley 4701).

5. Child Health Clinics

Held regularly at - Scout Hall, Wolverton; Scout Hall Stony Stratford and 122, Newport Road, New Bradwell. Welfare foods are available at each centre.

6. Dental Clinic

122a, Church Street, Wolverton. Treatment offered to children and expectant mothers. In addition, schools are visited regularly by the dentist.

7. Health Education

Area Organiser: Mr. T. Watson at Area Health Office, Bletchley.

8. School Health Service

Administered from Area Health Office. This include arrangements for examination of pupils in accordance with the Education Act, 1944, ascertainment of handicap and arranging for appropriate treatment. B.C.G. vaccination against tuberculosis is carried out in the schools as well as booster doses of polio, diptheria and tetanus antigens. Child Guidance Clinic, Whalley Drive, Bletchley. Psychiatrist: Dr. M. Lindsay.

9. Contraception Advice

Weekly clinics held at Meacham Clinic, Wolverton by the Family Planning Association (by appointment Tel. Bletchley 2285).

10. Cervical Cytology

Carried out by family doctors and at Meacham Clinic, Wolverton. (Tel. Bletchley 4701 for appointment).

11. Marriage Guidance Council

Whally Drive Health Clinic, Bletchley (by appointment Tel. Bletchley 4500).

12. Occupational Therapy

226, Queensay, Bletchley.

13. Social Services Department

(Former welfare and children department). Area Officer Mr. P. K. Smith at Maybrook House, Queensway, Bletchley. (Tel. Bletchley 4701).

S E C T I O N C

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASE

Notifications with comparative figures for 1970

	1971	1970
Scarlet Fever	4	4
Measles	10	13
Infective Hepatitis	-	1
Whooping Cough	2	-

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HOUSING

Preliminary work has been instituted in connection with the declaration of general improvement areas. It is important that every effort should be made to ensure that our housing stock of decent dwellings set in a good environment be increased.

House improvement grants have caused a considerable increase in the work load of the department. Applications have to be dealt with speedily but this has only been achieved by the help and co-operation of everybody in my department.

S E C T I O N E

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA

1. Water

Water is supplied and distributed by the Bucks. Water Board. Samples are regularly taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Service for examination. A total of 233 samples were so submitted.

2. Public Cleansing

This is on a satisfactory basis.

3. Sewage and Sewerage Disposal

1971 has seen the start of the work of sewering Calverton.

4. Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 -

The statutory report has been forwarded to the Ministry of Labour.

5. Clean Air Acts -

Control of chimney heights and the examination of all new proposals for the installation of boilers has continued. Financial implications and planning aspects often conflict with health safeguards. Your officers have always insisted and will so continue that the latter must prevail.

6. Caravans and Moveable Dwellings -

This aspect of the work of the department has given rise to difficulties. The improvement of a private licenced site has commenced but only after lengthy discussion and coercion.

The implications of sites provided for construction workers employed on New Town development has been and will be of concern.

We hear that the Development Corporation do not want construction workers to be treated as second class citizens and this is a statement of the obvious. At the same time proposals are promulgated for the establishment of permanent caravan parks for the accommodation of such workers. It is my firmly held opinion that caravans for permanent occupation can only afford second class accommodation and I would urge all concerned to consider this aspect when proposals of this nature are mooted.

S E C T I O N F

FOOD HYGIENE

General

The year has seen an increasing demand from the public for the legible and clearly understood date marking of food. There is much to commend this but it is surprising that whilst this vociferous demand is made gross inadequacies in food handling are tolerated.

In the past years I have stressed that a public who protests at bad food handling and unhygienic conditions, is a strong ally in assisting the promulgation of good food handling practice.

S E C T I O N G

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.. ..	10	8	3	-
(ii) Factories not included in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ..	47	26	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	57	34	3	-

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Details are given below of the type of foods voluntarily surrendered for destruction:-

Beans	60	tins
Beefburgers with onions	19	pkts.
Beefburgers	18	"
Beef Rissoles	4	"
Beef Steak & Kidney Pie	2	"
Braised Beef	13	"
Broad Beans	2	"
Brussels	2	"
Chicken	3	lbs
Chicken Joint	1	
Chicken & Mushroom Pie	8	pkts
Chicken Pies	11	"
Chicken Portions	4	"
Chips	4	"
Chopped Pork	1	tin
Chopped Spinach	7	pkts
Cod	55	lbs
Cod Filletts	23	pkts
Cod Portions	10	"
Cod Steaks	12	"
Condensed Milk	1	tin
Corned Beef	4	tins
Corned Mutton	1	tin
Cream	3	tins
Cut Beans	5	pkts
Faggots	2	"
Fancy Chocolate Gateau	2	"
Fish Cake	1	"
Fish & Chips	7	"
Fish Fingers	62	"
Haddock Filletts	11	"
" Portions	4	"
" Steaks	2	"
Jaffa Juice	7	tins
Kipper Filletts	7	pkts
Liver & Onions	5	"
Mixed Vegetables	5	tins
Mousse	10	pkts
Mousse Ripple	23	"
Pastry	23	"
Peas	154	tins
Pineapple	3	"
Plaice Filletts	10	pkts
" Portions	5	"
Pork Loin	2	tins
Pork Shoulder	76	"
Pork Sausages	3	pkts
Potato Cakes	2	"
" Croquettes	5	"
Prawns	4	"
Puff Pastry	2	"
Rainbow Trout	4	"
Runner Beans	1	tin
Salmon Fish Cake	1	pkt
Shortcrust pastry	8	pkts
Shoulder of Ham	8	lbs
Shepherds Pie	3	pkts
Steak & Kidney Pies	5	"
" " and Mushroom Pies	12	"
Strawberries	1	tin
Sprouts	38	tins
Sweet Corn	5	pkts
Tomatoes	11	tins
Whole Plaice	2	pkts

I would again appeal to the food industry for more robust packaging of food and thus minimise damage to food in transit.

Number of cases in which defects were found.

	Found	Remedied	Referred		Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Ventilation that is inadequate (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable	2	2			
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3	3	-	-	-

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